

Samuel Tyroler Beattie, 24



Samuel Tyroler Beattie, age 24, of Duxbury, passed away tragically in the early morning of Dec. 6, 2016 after he was struck by lightning after hiking and then camping on Mount Warning, just south of Brisbane, Australia. At the time, he was on a one-year tour of Australia via camper van with his girlfriend and the love of his life, Michele Segalla, also of Duxbury. While injured in the lightning strike, Michele is thankfully healthy and recovering with her parents, Chris and Debbie Segalla of Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Sam was the son of Sarah and Marc Beattie, of Duxbury, and the brother of Nick Beattie, of New York City, NY.

Sam most recently graduated from the University of Denver (spring of 2015) and joined UBS, the Swiss bank, as a risk analyst in New York City. After working there for a year, he and Michele made plans for a tour of Australia. Always the adventurer, Sam traveled extensively, initially with his family to Paris, London and an extended stay in Rome, then on his own, doing conservation work inside Kruger National Park in South Africa, working with youth and assisting in the creation of a turtle nursery in Costa Rica, a winter as a "lifty" at the Canyons in Park City, UT, as well as a semester abroad in Seville, Spain. Sam had a passion for adventure, which included hiking to glacier lakes in the Rockies, skiing anywhere (preferably out West) and nearly any outdoor activity that included an authentic experience with friends. He loved Duxbury and was always on the water while home. During high school and in his early college years, Sam worked oyster farming on Duxbury Bay, which further enforced his love of the water, Duxbury and oysters. Sam will be deeply missed by his family, Michele, friends and the brothers of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. However, his faith in God overcomes death, and his family knows that love triumphs over grief and loss.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Dec. 17 at North River Community Church, 334 Old Oak St., Pembroke, MA 02359. All family and friends of Sam are welcome. In loving memory of Sam and to honor his love for sea otters, please consider donating to Friends of the Sea Otter via razoo.com/us/story/Sambeattie. (seaotters.org.)